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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's answer, mailed November 5, 2003.

I. Argument

The cited reference King does not teach the automatic searching of words in an independent application memory and copying said words to the memory of the predictive editor program of this invention. At column 22, lines 9-11, King indicates that documents may be downloaded to the custom vocabulary module of the system of King. In addition at column 22, lines 19-20, it is indicated that custom vocabularies established by other users may be merged. There is no teaching that independent memories

associated with independent application software are automatically searched by the processor of the predictive editor.

To remedy this deficiency, the Examiner relies on the teaching of the cited reference Frederiksen. Applicant asserts that the memory of the SIM card in Frederiksen is, first of all, not associated with a predictive editor. It is a supplementary data base for use with a speed dial function of a mobile telephone. The speed dial function has limited memory. The speed dial function operates to exchange a speed dial location of an obsolete phone number with a phone number in the SIM card memory. The memory of the SIM card is dedicated to the dialing function of the mobile phone. The reference does not teach that it can be used for a different application. The swapping of two numbers in this teaching is significantly different than the searching of data in another application by a predictive editor processor. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Applicant does not maintain that numbers cannot be swapped from the SIM card of Frederiksen to the speed dial function, but only that such swapping bears no relation to the subject invention as described in the claims under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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